

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Joint Petition of	}	
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Union Electric Company d/b/a)	
AmerenUE		
-and-		
Illinois Power Company)	
)	Docket No. 03-
To approve an Electric Supplier Release)	
Agreement allowing Illinois Power to Serve)	
A Customer in AmerenUE's Service)	
Territory)	

JOINT PETITION

Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE (hereinafter "AmerenUE") and Illinois Power Company (hereinafter "Illinois Power" or "IP") (collectively as "Petitioners"), hereby jointly petition the Illinois Commerce Commission (hereinafter "Commission") for approval of an Electric Supplier Release Agreement wherein the Petitioners agree that Illinois Power shall provide electric service to a particular customer. In support of this Joint Petition, AmerenUE and IP state:

1 AmerenUE is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri and is duly authorized and engaged in the business of furnishing electric service in Illinois. AmerenUE is a public utility within the meaning of the Public Utilities Act, as amended, 220 ILCS 5/1, et seq. (the "Public Utilities Act") and a public utility and an electric supplier within the meaning of the Electric Supplier Act, as amended, 220 ILCS 30/1, et seq. (the "Electric Supplier Act").

2. Illinois Power is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and is duly authorized and engaged in the business of furnishing electric service in Illinois. IP is also a public utility within the meaning of the Public Utilities Act, and a public utility and an electric supplier within the meaning of the Electric Supplier Act.

3 The Village of Caseyville desires electric service to be provided for a village hall at an anticipated location in Caseyville township of St. Clair County (T. 2 N.-R. 8 W. next to the south property line of St. Steven's Church ("Proposed Customer' It is anticipated the new village hall will have an address of 909 S. Main Street (also known as Illinois Route 157), Caseyville, Illinois.

4. AmerenUE and IP have agreed to enter into the Electric Supplier Release Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement"), subject to the Commission's approval, that would allow Illinois Power to serve the Proposed Customer. See Attachment A.

5. The current boundary line between AmerenUE and IP, as shown on Exhibit B to the Parties' Memorandum of Understanding of July 6, 1987, as approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 7-102 of the Public Utilities Act by the Order issued February 4, 1987 in Docket No. 86-0432, demonstrates that the proposed location of the Caseyville Village Hall is located in AmerenUE's service territory. See Attachment B. However, certain IP facilities are in a more convenient location to serve the Proposed Customer.

6. The Proposed Customer does not object to the Agreement and desires to have Illinois Power serve its electric service needs. See Attachment C.

7. The Agreement will promote the public interest and convenience because it will allow for more suitable construction of electric facilities and provide for a more

efficient division of the electric services with respect to the Proposed Customer between AmerenUE and IP.

8. AmerenUE and IP ask that the Agreement attached as Attachment A hereto be approved pursuant to Section 7-102 of the Public Utilities Act, and also, to the extent necessary, pursuant to Section 6 of the Electric Supplier Act (220 ILCS 30/6), and allow IP to service the Proposed Customer as agreed by the Petitioners.

9. The Proposed Customer desires electric service on or before April 1, 2003. Accordingly, AmerenUE and Illinois Power request that the Commission give expedited treatment to this Joint Petition so that a final Order may be in place on or before March 31, 2003. In the alternative, the Petitioners request that the Commission provide an Interim Order by March 31 allowing Illinois Power to construct lines to serve the Proposed Customer subject to the issuance of a final order after the conclusion of any process that the Commission and/or Commission Staff might want to conduct into this matter.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, AmerenUE and Illinois Power Company request that the Illinois Commerce Commission:

- a. Approve the Agreement between AmerenUE and IP attached hereto as Attachment A;
- b. Permit Illinois Power to serve the Proposed Customer as agreed to among the Petitioners; and
- c. Provide an order in an expedited manner so that a final Order may be in place on or before March 31, 2003, or in the alternative, provide an Interim Order by March 31 allowing Illinois Power to construct lines to serve the Proposed Customer subject to the issuance of a final order.

Dated this 12th day of MARCH, 2003

Respectfully submitted:

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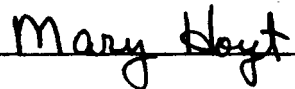
VERIFICATION

Todd Decker, being first duly sworn, states that he is the Manager—Metro East Division for Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, that he has read the foregoing Joint Petition, that he is aware of the facts stated therein and that the same are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.

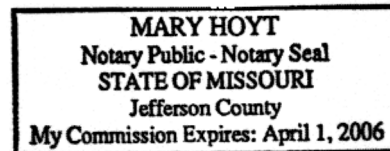


Todd Decker

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
to before me this 6th day
of March, 2003




Mary Hoyt



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF MACON) SS.

VERIFICATION

Robert L. Perkes, being first duly sworn, states that he is Municipal and Cooperative Relations Manager for Illinois Power Company, that he has read the foregoing Joint petition, that he is aware of the facts stated therein and that the same are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.


Robert L. Perkes

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
to before me this 11th day
of MARCH, 2003



